

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments to the specification and claims and a favorable examination of this application.

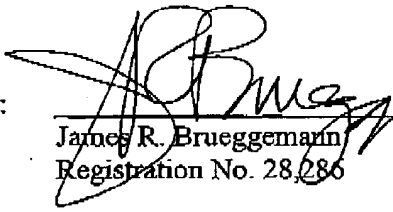
The foregoing amendments to the claims limit the claims to a single species of the method of the invention, i.e., a species in which adhesion of an optical coating to a polarizing film includes forming grooves on a surface of the polarizing film. The amendments are being made in response to a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the Applicants' undersigned attorney of record, in which the Examiner requested an election between three distinct species of the invention.

Allowance of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a further telephone conference with Applicants' undersigned attorney of record might expedite the prosecution of this application, she is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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